

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/817,833  
Applicant(s): Kazuhiko YUKAMA (Deceased) and Kazumi YUKAWA  
(Legal Representative)  
For: AN AUTOFOCUS TECHNIQUE FOR A DIGITAL  
CAMERA  
Confirmation No.: 7882  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 15162/03380  
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Group Art Unit: 2612  
Examiner: Luong Trung Nguyen

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**PETITION FOR THREE-MONTHS EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed October 19, 2005, be extended for three months up to and including April 19, 2006.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is being submitted concurrently herewith.

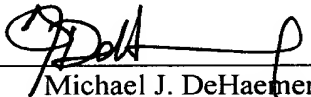
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A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form authorizing the amount of \$1,810.00 (\$790.00 for the filing fee for a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and \$1,020.00 for the three-month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3)), to be charged to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260 is enclosed herewith in duplicate. However, if the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization form is missing, insufficient, or otherwise inadequate, or if a fee, other than the issue fee, is required during the pendency of this application, please charge such fee to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Please credit any overpayment to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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